

**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL**

3927 Lennane Drive, Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
(916) 419-2510



CONTACT: John Carr

ABC Public Information Office (916) 419-2525

June 7, 2007

PR 07-85

**ABC Posts 30 Day Suspension at Palm Springs Bar**  
*Action Comes after ABC Investigators Conduct TRACE Investigation*

**Palm Springs** – ABC Investigators today posted a 30 day suspension at the Hair of the Dog English Pub located at 238 North Palm Canyon Drive in Palm Springs. The action was taken after Investigators assigned to the Department's TRACE Unit conducted an investigation regarding an 18 year old who was involved in a serious traffic accident after she had been drinking at the Hair of the Dog English Pub. The minor and two passengers were all seriously injured and required hospitalization. TRACE (Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies) is a four year old ABC program consisting of four ABC Investigators.

ABC Investigators Tom Pellegrini and Mark McCullough of the TRACE Unit worked the case. Through a series of interviews and examination of evidence, Investigators Pellegrini and McCullough determined that the bartenders furnished alcohol to the teenager who later became involved in a serious injury crash on June 24, 2006, after driving into a brick wall at the northwest corner of Palm Canyon Drive and Racquet Club Drive in Palm Springs.

Investigators Pellegrini and McCullough were assisted by TRACE Unit Supervising Investigator Jerry Ackley and Officers from the Palm Springs Police Department. The TRACE Unit is a specialized team of ABC Investigators who conduct investigations throughout California which involve minors, alcohol and serious injuries or fatalities.

The TRACE (Target Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies) program is made possible by a California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) grant. The grant provides funding for in-depth ABC investigations of serious incidents including car crashes, but also alcohol overdoses, poisonings and assaults that result from alcohol consumption by minors.